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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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LETICIA HONTANOSAS, R.N.	:	
License # 26NO9511800	:	CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE NURSING	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Jersey that on March 27, 2015, while Leticia Hontanosas, R.N. ("Respondent") was injecting a 17 month old infant with IM steroid, the child kicked the needle causing the needle to scrape the child's thigh, and the needle punctured Respondent's finger. Respondent then used the same contaminated needle to inject the child. Additionally, Respondent failed to document the incident in the nursing record or to inform her charge nurse.

On July 23, 2016, Respondent responded to the Board's Demand for Written Statement Under Oath regarding the above incident, and she acknowledged in her statement her lack of judgment.

The Board finds that Respondent's March 27, 2015 failure to exercise due care by using universal precautions and knowingly disregarding the contamination of a needle by blood borne pathogens and subsequent failure to document the incident in the nursing record or to inform her charge nurse, constitute acts of repeated negligence, engaging in professional misconduct and failing to document the incident in the nursing record or to inform her charge nurse in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), (e) and (h).

The Board, having reviewed this matter and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 20th day of April, 2016

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for the violations of in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), (e) and (h).

2. Respondent shall fully attend and provide proof of successful completion of a Board-approved course on Universal Precautions or Blood Borne Pathogens. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion to the Board within three (3) months following the entry of this Consent Order. "Successful completion" means that Respondent has fully attended live sessions of the course, fully participated, and received a final evaluation of an unconditional pass. Respondent shall be entirely responsible for any and all costs or expenses relating to the course. The required course is in addition to Respondent's obligation to complete continuing nursing education.


3. Respondent shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in the State or jurisdiction in which she practices nursing. Respondent shall also obey all policies of any facility in which she practices nursing.

4. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that Respondent has violated any term of this Order, Respondent's license may be automatically

suspended by the Board until further Order of the Board. Within fifteen days following receipt of such notice, Respondent may request a hearing to contest the entry of such an Order. At any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received was materially false. In addition, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action upon receipt of any new information.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APRN
Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.

Leticia Hontanosas 9/7/2016
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